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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-24 have been cancelled herein, and claims 25-59 have been added. All pending claims are listed at pages 3-8. In addition, the specification has been amended as indicated on page 2 to meet requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2).

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-24 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-24 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,655,963. Claims 1-24 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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